



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: From the Cross to the Throne

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme & Prayer Focus

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"Thank you God for the sacrifice of your son, Jesus. Father God, you are so good and your grace is overwhelming. I thank you for not holding my sin against me, and for having an intentional plan and purpose for my life. Continue to show me these things, as I seek you and your Kingdom. Amen."

Key Truths & Applications

Jesus didn't end up on the cross by accident. It was God's purposeful and intentional plan.

- What Jesus did on the cross changes everything for us. God is no longer counting sins against us but blotting them out all together. All the things we have ever done, all the sins and mistakes we've made, are gone.
- When Jesus said 'It is finished', He was talking about the law. He was the last sacrifice that fulfilled the law and when He died all the payments for sin were met. When He died, He went to Hades, the place for unrighteous souls, and there conquered death.

Psalms 22 was written by David and accurately depicts what took place at the crucifixion of Jesus, yet was prophetically written a thousand years before His sacrifice and death.

- In the Old Testament, priests would have to go into the temple with the blood of animals, year after year, because that blood couldn't take away sin permanently, but Jesus' blood was different. It wasn't animal or human blood, it was God's blood. Jesus obtained an eternal redemption for us by taking His blood and putting it on the mercy seat in Heaven. So, in a temple on earth, sin was temporarily covered with animal blood, but in Heaven our sin is eternally covered by the blood of Jesus.

God's plan has always been redemption through Jesus. He created us, longs for us, and made a way to be with us. The world may consider Christianity to be a set of rules and laws. God considers Christianity to be, relationship with us, unity with Him, and our lives transformed to look more like His Son, Jesus. There is an invitation every day to participate in that relationship. We can receive everything we need from our Father God, living in the fulfilling purpose that He has for us.

Key Verses:

Revelation 1:18 • 2 Corinthians 5:15 • Psalms 22 • Psalms 24:7-10 • Acts 2:24 • Romans 3:25 • Romans 4:25 • Romans 10:4 • Hebrews 9:11 • Hebrews 9:23-28

Declarations (speak out loud)

"I recognize that God sent His Son, Jesus, to Earth to give His life as payment for my sin and show me a better way to live in unity with Father God. In paying for my sin, Jesus redeemed me, and brought me back to the Father, giving my life purpose. I choose to live according to that purpose, in God's Word, and in light of the sacrifice that Jesus made for me. I know God is good and faithful to supply me with everything that I need for life, and I praise Him for who He is."

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References From the Cross to the Throne

Romans 4:25 NKJV ...who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

Romans 4:25 AMPC Who was betrayed and put to death because of our misdeeds and was raised to secure our justification (our acquittal), [making our account balance and absolving us from all guilt before God].

2 Corinthians 5:19 TLB For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out.

Hebrews 10:9 NKJV He takes away the first that He may establish the second.

Romans 10:4 NKJV For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Romans 3:20 NKJV Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Psalms 22:1 NKJV My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

Psalms 22:14 & 12 NKJV ...all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me...Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.

Psalms 22:16-18 NKJV They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

Psalms 22:31 AMPC ...that He has done it [that it is finished]!

1 Corinthians 15:56-57 NKJV The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:24 NKJV Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death...

Luke 16:19-22 NKJV There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom...

Luke 16:21-31 NKJV Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

1 Peter 3:19-20 NKJV ...by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

Genesis 3:15 NKJV And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Revelation 1:18 NKJV I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Colossians 2:14 NKJV ...having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Colossians 2:15 NKJV Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

John 20:17 NKJV Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' "

Hebrews 9:11 NKJV But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

Hebrews 9:12 NKJV Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Acts 20:28 NKJV ...the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Romans 3:25 NKJV ...whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith...

1 Peter 1:18-19 NKJV ...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things...but with the precious blood of Christ...

Hebrews 9:23 NKJV Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Hebrews 9:24 NKJV For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us...

Hebrews 12:22-24 NKJV But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

Ephesians 4:8 NKJV Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

Ephesians 4:9 NKJV ...(Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

Psalms 24:7 NKJV Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

2 Corinthians 5:15 NKJV ...and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

Hebrews 10:14-17 MSG It was a perfect sacrifice by a perfect person to perfect some very imperfect people. By that single offering, he did everything that needed to be done for everyone who takes part in the purifying process.